

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12-15 and 17-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 12, 24 and 25 are amended and claims 5 and 16 are canceled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates the claims 22 and 23 are allowed.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Kosterka. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Kosterka and further in view of Kuchenbecker. Claims 4 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Kosterka and further in view of Voss. Claims 12, 13, 15-17 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Matsuoka. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Matsuoka and further in view of Kuchenbecker. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cetrelli in view of Weber and Kosterka and further in view of the Official Notice. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Cetrelli does not disclose a blank having parallel cut-out grooves and comprising a foldline extending along a horizontal midline thereof transverse to the parallel groove, where each of the grooves is folded over itself about the foldline and extends from the horizontal midline to parallel edges of the blank. Rather, Cetrelli teaches the use of

creases 6 located parallel to a folding line 5, where the creases 6 are formed by impression into the blank. See column 6, lines 20-37 of Cetrelli. The creases 6 of Citrelli do not extend from the horizontal midline 8 to parallel edges of the packing laminate.

Further, Cetrelli teaches away from the use of any other types of grooves besides impressed grooves, since Cetrelli requires impressed grooves to ensure that delamination occurs between the grooves, which prevents crease formation along the fold line disposed between the grooves. In other words, the creases of Cetrelli are not cut-out grooves in that they are not formed by removing material from the original blank.

Further, there is no motivation to combine Cetrelli with both Weber and Kosterka. As admitted by the Examiner, Cetrelli teaches the use of a paper laminate rather than paperboard. Specifically, Cetrelli teaches the use of a laminate with a paper core, coated on both sides with a thermoplastic material and further including an aluminum layer and states that the use of such a laminate leads to problems in folds due to the differing properties of the materials in the laminate. As the invention of Cetrelli is disclosed as being specifically related to problems inherent to laminates with components having different material properties there would be no motivation to one of skill in the art to look at other materials, such as paperboard, which do not have this problem. Further, Cetrelli is nonanalogous prior art as it relates to creasing in a multilayer laminate as opposed to the formation of grooves in paperboard. Accordingly, there is no motivation to combine Cetrelli with Weber and Kosterka.

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None of the other applied references make up for the deficiencies of Cetrelli.
Thus, even combining these references with Cetrelli would not result in the claimed invention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

A Fee in the amount of \$1,050.00 is due to cover the costs of a Three-Month Extension of Time for a large entity. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any further fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted

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